

RE: S.B. 522 - An Act Authorizing Bear Hunting in Connecticut

and

H.B.5499 - An Act Authorizing Sunday Hunting on Private Land

Honorable Chairmen and Members of the Joint Committee on Environment;

I support S.B. 522, An Act Authorizing Bear Hunting, because I believe our State Biologists when they determine a bear season is needed, that they will authorize harvests in the regions needed based on solid science and not emotion. Also, adding a bear hunting license will bring in additional income to the agency.

I also wish to support H.B. 5499 - An Act Authorizing Sunday Hunting on Private Land. Removing the outdated blue law is a benefit to hunters who work during the week. Having the flexibility to choose between Saturday, Sunday or both affords better time management between hunting and family. Removing the Sunday prohibition will also help control the population of coyotes.

I would enjoy answering questions.

Respectfully,

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